

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims is provided below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The cooling tower top according to claim ~~1~~ 4, further comprising opposed side walls unitarily connected to said bottom wall and extending vertically from said bottom wall.

3. (Currently Amended) The cooling tower top according to claim ~~1~~ 4, further comprising opposed end walls unitarily connected to said bottom wall and extending vertically from said bottom wall.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The cooling tower top according to claim 1, A top for a cooling tower, comprising:~~

a generally planar bottom wall having at least one opening therein for accommodating an air current generator and having a plurality of spaced apart hot liquid distributors oriented to distribute hot liquid;

a top wall having at least one opening formed therein for accommodating an air current generator; and

a liquid inlet,

wherein said cooling tower top is unitarily molded from a plastic material.

5. (Original) The cooling tower top according to claim 4, wherein said top is rotationally molded.

6. (Original) The cooling tower top according to claim 4, wherein the plastic material is polyethylene.

7. (Currently Amended) The cooling tower top according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said cooling tower top is an enclosed unit.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The cooling tower top according to claim 1, A top for a cooling tower, comprising:~~

a generally planar bottom wall having at least one opening therein for accommodating an air current generator and having a plurality of spaced apart hot liquid distributors oriented to distribute hot liquid;

a top wall having at least one opening formed therein for accommodating an air current generator; and

a liquid inlet,

wherein said top comprises at least two parts molded from a plastic material, wherein said parts are joined together to form an enclosed unit.

9. (Original) The cooling tower top according to claim 8, wherein said parts are rotationally molded.

10. (Original) The cooling tower top according to claim 8, wherein the plastic material is polyethylene.

11. (Currently Amended) The cooling tower top according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein the generally planar bottom further comprises a plurality of raised portions that reduce the amount of liquid contained therein, reducing the operating weight of the cooling tower.

12. (Currently Amended) The cooling tower top according to claim ~~1~~ 4, further comprising a flow splitter that divides the flow of incoming liquid.

13. (Original) The cooling tower top according to claim 12, wherein said flow splitter is shaped like an inverted “V”.

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